(c) In the wake of increasing transit traffic, the Government have taken various steps to enlarge bilateral, regional and international cooperation to combat drug trafficking problems which, *inter alia* include allowing the posting of Drug Liaison Officers from USA, Canada, U.K. and West Germany, in India. Such cooperation enables exchange of intelligence and information about drug traffickers and their activities.

A number of aggressive counter-measures have also been launched by the Government which, *inter alia*, include provision of deterrent punishments against drug traffickers, strengthening of preventive and intelligence machinery (especially in and around borders and vulnerable areas), adoption of a liberalised reward scheme for both officers and informers, strengthening of bilateral cooperation between neighbouring countries (incluling regional cooperation under the aegis of SAARC). The Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 provides for preventive detention upto a maximum period of 2 years for drug related crimes. 250 persons have so far been detained under the said Act.

The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 has also been amended to strengthen it further. The amendments, *inter alia*, include provisions for foreiture of illegally acquired property derived from or used in illicit drug trafficing; criminalising the activity of financing drug trafficking and for death penalty on second conviction for specified offences.

Ban on foreign and to voluntary Organisations

*407. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to put a ban on foreign aid being received by voluntary institutions in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The services rendered by associations utilising foreign contribution are likely to suffer if the acceptance of foreign contribution by them is totally banned.

Special status to Jammu and Kashmir State

*408. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have of late considered the desirability of continuing the special status to the State of Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 of the Constitutoin; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to abrogate the said Article and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a)There is no proposal under consideration to amend Article 370 of the Constitution.

(b) Does not arise.

Creation of an All India Judicial Service

*409. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals to create an All India Judicial Service and to fix uniform salaries, allowances and other conditions of service of Judicial Officers belonging to the category of Subordinate Judicial Service are dealt with in the Law Commission's 116th and 118th reports; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) since when these reports are under the consideration of the Central Government; and

(c) what steps have been taken accordingly and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The recommendations contained in the 116th and 118th Reports of the Law Commission regarding the creation of the All India Judicial Service and uniformity in the service conditions of the Subordinate Judicial Service in the various States are under consideration of the Government in consultation with the State Governments and Union Territories administrations, since May, 1987

Restructuring of the Institute of Jute Technology

*410. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to set up a task force to evolve guidelines for restructuring the Institute of Jute Technology so as to engage the Institute to impart training in basic research on science and technology of various textile fibres, natural and synthetic, as proposed by the Hon'ble Minister himself;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that this Institute is the only one in the world offering training in jute technology and admitting students from different Asian and African countries?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) The Government have already constituted vide No. 10|3|86-EP (T&J-III) dated 29th January, 1988 a High Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. T. Radhakrishnan, Director of Ahmedabad Textile Industry's Research Association to study the problems of the Institute of Jute Technology and to suggest measure for it revitalisation. The terms of references of the Committee are as under:—

(i) To study the present state of affairs of the Institute with reference to its academic, administrative, financial and other arrangements;

(ii) To analyse the problems and difficulties faced by the Institute and suggest long term solutions for its problems particularly in respect of its adminitative structure, the problem of land for the Institute, salary structure for the teaching and non-teaching staff of the Institute;

(iii) To pin point and determine the role to be played by the Jute Industry, Govt., of West Bengal, Calcutta University and the Govt. of India, in the future management of the Institute;

(iv) To examine whether basic research as well as integrated study of different fibres of Textiles Industry can be undertaken by the Institute, so as to make the trainees of he Institute useful to the textile industry as a whole;

(v) Any other matter considered relevant by the Committee to the future restructuring and vitalisation of the Institute.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Institute of Jute Technology is now the only Institute in the world for higher studies of the personnel for jute manufacture. The Institute has been admitting students from neighbouring jute producing countries of Bangladesh, Nepal, Vietnam etc. whenever there is a request from the respective countries.

Construction of Neradi Dam

*411. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2090 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether any agreement has since been reached between Orissa and Andhra Pradesh Governments for the construction